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MONDAY, JUNE 12TH, 1854.

HUMPHREY LLOYD, D. D., VICE-PRESIDENT,  
in the Chair.

It was Resolved, on the recommendation of the Council, that the sum of £80 be granted for the purchase of Mr. Richard Murray's collection of Irish antiquities.

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Mr. Charles Haliday read a paper on the ancient name of the city of Dublin.

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Rev. Charles Graves, D. D., read the following letter from Charles MacDonnell, Esq., relative to the MSS. of the celebrated John Colgan, preserved at St. Isidore's, Rome :—

“ The catalogue from which I copied the following is in the archives of the Irish Franciscan Convent of St. Isidore, Rome. There are several copies of it there.

“ It will throw some light upon the subject of Colgan's collection of Irish MSS., some of which are in the Burgundian Library, some at St. Isidore's ; but many of which are missing, and, probably, irrecoverably lost. The French soldiers, in the time of Napoleon I., used the Convent of St. Isidore for a long period as barracks. Let us hope, however faintly, that some fragments of this collection may have been transferred, at that time, to other libraries, for the second volume of the autograph exemplar of the Four Masters, formerly at St. Isidore's, is now in the Barberini Library, and nobody can tell when or how it came there. The friars have the first volume still.

“ There is still another chance. Several years ago, but subsequent to the erection of the Belgian kingdom, a number of printed books that had belonged to the Irish Franciscans of Louvain, were brought from Belgium by an Irish friar of that